

## **Fire and Life-Safety Group (FLS)**

### **Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008**

On August 14, 2008 the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 was signed by President George W. Bush. In order to comply with this act and to better inform University of Colorado students, prospective students, and parents of how fires affect university residential facilities, the Fire- and Life-Safety Group (FLS) has created this page. The links and text below list all of the required information on fires, preventative actions, campus guidelines, and training that is conducted to reduce the likelihood and impact of campus fires.

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## Number of Fire Alarms and Their Cause

The following table lists all fire alarms that have occurred in on-campus housing since 2006.

Fiscal Year	Total Number of Housing Facility Fire Alarms	Causes/Type	Individual Number of Housing Facility Fire Alarms Specific to Cause/Type
2006	28	Student Error (Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	2
		Employee Error (Cleaning, Dusting, Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	0
		Contractor Error (Dirt, Dust, Containment, Soldering)	0
		Unknown/Equipment Caused	21
		Water Line Break, Sprinkler Head, Etc.	3
		Gas Odor Inside	2
2007	64	Student Error (Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	7
		Employee Error (Cleaning, Dusting, Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	2
		Contractor Error (Dirt, Dust, Containment, Soldering)	5
		Unknown/Equipment Caused	46
		Water Line Break, Sprinkler Head, Etc.	3
		Gas Odor Inside	1
2008	52	Student Error (Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	7
		Employee Error (Cleaning, Dusting, Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	4
		Contractor Error (Dirt, Dust, Containment, Soldering)	3
		Unknown/Equipment Caused	37
		Water Line Break, Sprinkler Head, Etc.	0
		Gas Odor Inside	1
2009	32	Student Error (Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	6
		Employee Error (Cleaning, Dusting, Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	3
		Contractor Error (Dirt, Dust, Containment, Soldering)	2
		Unknown/Equipment Caused	17
		Water Line Break, Sprinkler Head, Etc.	2
		Gas Odor Inside	2
2010	29	Student Error (Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	3
		Employee Error (Cleaning, Dusting, Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	3
		Contractor Error (Dirt, Dust, Containment, Soldering)	2
		Unknown/Equipment Caused	16
		Water Line Break, Sprinkler Head, Etc.	3
		Gas Odor Inside	2
2011	52	Student Error (Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	3
		Employee Error (Cleaning, Dusting, Popcorn, Food, Fire Extinguisher)	3
		Contractor Error (Dirt, Dust, Containment, Soldering)	1
		Unknown/Equipment Caused	35
		Water Line Break, Sprinkler Head, Etc.	8
		Gas Odor Inside	2

## Number of Fires, Their Cause, and Associated Injuries and Property Damage

The following table lists all fires that have occurred in on-campus housing since 2006.

Fiscal Year	Total Number of Housing Facility Fires	Causes/Type	Number of Injuries	Property Damage in Dollars
2006	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kitchen Ductwork Fire</li> <li>Trashcan Fire</li> </ul>	0	\$0
2007	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor Arson</li> <li>2 - Smoke Present</li> </ul>	0	\$0
2008	0	-	0	\$0
2009	0	-	0	\$0
2010	0	-	0	\$0
2011	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor Arson</li> </ul>	0	\$0

## Dormitory Fire Drills

A fire drill is conducted in each residence hall at the start of the Fall and Spring semesters.

## On-Campus Housing Facilities Fire Safety Systems

The table below lists the safety systems in place at each of the residence halls at the University of Colorado Boulder. It also includes information on university owned family and apartment housing.

<b>CU Boulder Resident Halls</b>	<b>Sprinkled</b>	<b>Smoke Alarms Single Station not Monitored</b>	<b>Smoke Detectors Monitored by Building Fire Alarm System</b>
Aden Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Andrews Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arnett Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Baker Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bear Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Brackett Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Buckingham Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cheyenne Arapaho Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cockerell Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
College Inn	Yes	Yes	Yes
Crosman Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Darley North Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Darley South Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Farrand Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hallet Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kittredge West	Yes	Yes	Yes
Libby Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reed Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sewall Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smith Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sterns East	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sterns West	Yes	Yes	Yes
Willard Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>CU Boulder Family Housing Apartments and Homes</b>	<b>Sprinkled</b>	<b>Smoke Alarms Single Station not Monitored</b>	<b>Smoke Detectors Monitored by Building Fire Alarm System</b>
Athens Court	Yes	Yes	Yes
Athens North Bldg	Yes	Yes	No
Expansion	No	Yes	No
Faculty/Staff	Yes	Yes	No
Newton Court	No	Yes	No
Marine Court	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smiley Court	Partial – All B Buildings	Yes	Yes – B Buildings

## **Plans for Future Improvements**

In an effort to promote safety, new campus buildings will continue to be constructed in full compliance with building and fire codes. We continue to improve fire safety features in older buildings as we request funds and they become available, e.g., fire sprinklers are continuously installed in many older buildings, stairwells are being enclosed, etc. These actions will greatly increase student and staff safety, and in the regrettable event of a fire, will reduce the extent and severity of the emergency.